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Statement on Teutonia and Roosevelt gas station shooting

Aldерwoman Andrea M. Pratt
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There is nothing inside of a store worth someone's life. The tragedy that occurred yesterday at a gas station near Teutonia and Roosevelt is unacceptable, and because the pursuit of the dollar cannot be compared with the loss of life, I requested that the store close immediately and remain closed while an investigation continues.

When businesses operate in our neighborhoods, they choose to become part of our community, which means they have a responsibility to uphold as a community establishment. While we await details surrounding this tragic incident, I have many questions about armed security that I am looking into.

I am committed to creating Council legislation that regulates the use of security guards, making it a requirement that they be licensed and bonded. Businesses should not be able to come before the Licenses Committee and offer plans of operation that include security if that security is not credentialed by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

The bottom line for me is accountability and justice in this case, and doing what is needed to keep businesses and neighborhoods safe. Our neighborhoods deserve better. We deserve better.

My deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Isaiah Allen. I am heartbroken this situation cost him his life, and I will join in the effort to seek justice and healing.

Far too many of us are dealing with trauma stemming from tragic events or the stress of our daily lives. I encourage those in need to seek help. You can reach a Traumatic Response Team member by contacting 414-257-7621. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Milwaukee Police at 414-935-7360, or to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 414-224-Tips or use the P3 Tips app.

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